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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

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Head: 704 – Drainage Subhead: 4131CD Rural Drainage Rehabilitation Scheme – drainage rehabilitation works at Ping Yuen River and Mo Fan Heung Stream

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Drainage Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question: As indicated in Estimates for the year ending 31 March 2010, the revised estimate for 4131CD for 2008-09 is $8,592,000, as against the original estimate of $100,000. Please provide reasons for the significant increase.

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply: The works under PWP Item 4131CD "Rural Drainage Rehabilitation Scheme – drainage rehabilitation works at Ping Yuen River and Mo Fan Heung Stream" have been substantially completed. There were outstanding contract disputes and it was originally expected that the outstanding accounts associated with the disputes could not be settled within 2008-09 when the original estimate was prepared. The settlement process later turned out to be quicker than expected resulting in increasing expenditures to settle the outstanding accounts in 2008-09.

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Post Title Director of Drainage Services

Date 19 March 2009